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1 July 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
ATTENTION : [REDACTED]
SUBJECT : Soviet Bloc Mechanisms for Economic Penetration of the Free World
REFERENCE : Your Memorandum, 9 June 1955, to AD/RR, Subject, Same as Above

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1. After a conversation with [REDACTED] regarding the proposal referenced above, I have concluded that your requirement actually cuts across several of the Offices in the DDI area. ORR has responsibility for economic organizations in the Soviet Bloc while OCD collates economic information on the industries of the world as well as having responsibilities involving international conferences. OSI may have a contribution to make [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Thus, the problem is larger than any one Office has authority to deal with.

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2. The problem, as it is stated in the referenced memorandum, is much too large to handle all at once. I suggest that we agree on a single area of the world, say South Asia, to see whether or not the project can be staffed. After six months time, a reappraisal in the light of experience to then would be useful in formulating plans for a more permanent mechanism. I believe that a task force chaired by ORR made up of 3 people from ORR, 1 from OCD, and 1 from OSI would be able to handle the chore nicely. Clerical support for the task force would be supplied by ORR.

3. At the outset, it will be necessary that completely frank talks be held between your people and the members of the task force so that the task force understands clearly the potentiality of the project. The terms of reference for the task force should be drawn up jointly and approved by the appropriate ADs. Clear-cut requirements would be furnished on your side while our people would have access to your people for consultation at any time. The time scheduling of the individual projects would be your responsibility since our people

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would not know of the availability of assets to you.

4. If the above points are agreeable to you, I suggest that you or your representative meet with me on 12 July 1955 at 1000 hours, Room 1033, M Building, to discuss detailed requirements for the project. By copy of this memorandum, I am asking the AD/RR, AD/CD, AD/SI, and AD/O to attend this meeting or send their representative.

[Redacted Signature]

Assistant to DD/I (Planning)

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